

MANSFIELD AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

Minutes of April 30, 2008 meeting

Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

Conference Room B, 7:30 p.m.

1. Acting Chairman, Charlie Galgowski called the meeting to order at 7:35.
2. PRESENT: Al Cyr, Charlie Galgowski, Vicky Wetherell, Carol Stearns
3. Minutes of the March 12, 2008, meeting were not available.
4. New Business

PZC Referral--Green property subdivision on Wormwood Hill Road

The committee discussed the proposed agricultural easement on Lots 7 and 8. They supported the proposed easement, but recommended that careful review is needed to develop terms that will protect farming activity in that area. They also recommended that the agricultural easement be extended into Lot 9 so that the entire field is protected. There was a question about the purpose of the agricultural easement on Lot 7, which contains a collapsed barn and farm pond. The committee noted the need to determine the intent an agricultural easement on this area and whether it is desirable for the Town to hold an agricultural easement on Lot 7. The committee's report will be forwarded to the Town Planner.

Lease of Field on Bone Mill Road

The committee reviewed a request to lease the Town-owned field at the corner of Bone Mill Road and Rt. 44. They recommended that a public RFP be made as soon as possible to accommodate the fast-approaching growing season.

Barn Survey and Photo Contest

The committee reviewed progress on the survey and ongoing work on the barn exhibit and photo contest at the Historical Society.

5. The meeting adjourned at 9:05.